

**AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract as indicated.

A control circuit for control of a media heating device (12, 22) of a dental handpiece (1) has a heating current circuit (20) in which there is arranged a switch (S1, S2) which can be actuated by hand, for the activation of the heating device (12, 22). In order to be able to [[purposively]] deactivate the heating device (12, 22), a further controllable switch element (V1, V2) is arranged in the heating current circuit (20), which switch element can be set in dependence upon an external control signal (VCC, Von) into a conducting or non-conducting condition.